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Congressman Wilson opened with a brief report about the bipartisan economic stimulus package. He knew there would be a lot of questions from residents about how to get their stimulus checks.

“We got it passed through Congress quickly and we’re happy the President signed it. Here’s what it means: 5.3 million families in Ohio will receive tax rebates of up to \$1,200 per couple, plus \$300 per child as early as mid-May. By getting money into your hands and to small businesses, the plan is expected to add 500,000 jobs to the economy,” Wilson told the telephone town hall audience.

“I know some families – especially our veterans on disability and our seniors whose only income is their Social Security – may not be used to filing a federal tax return. But, they need to file a 2007 federal return to get a stimulus payment,” Wilson reminded the audience.

Wilson took several questions about the economic stimulus plan as well as others on healthcare, children’s health insurance, jobs, energy, gas prices and numerous other issues.

Several callers indicated how much they liked being able to talk with their Congressman in such a format. During the meeting, the moderator asked callers if they liked the format. 98% of those on the call quickly reported that they liked the format by pressing number 4 on their phone.

“We’re going to do another one of these,” Wilson said. “It’s absolutely wonderful to be able to reach out to so many people. I’m very excited about this.”

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